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SUBJECT: TASS CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENTS ON POSTPONEMENT FAHMY'S  
MOSCOW TRIP

1. DURING JULY 12 DISCUSSION WITH INR ANALYST JOHNSON, ACTING TASS DIRECTOR YEDRASHNIKOV, ELABORATED ON SUBJECT OF LATEST POSTPONEMENT OF FAHMY'S VISIT TO MOSCOW. YEDRASHNIKOV TOOK THE LINE THAT POSTPONEMENT OF THE VISIT UNTIL OCTOBER WOULD OCCASION NO IMPORTANT CHANGE IN SOVIET-EGYPTIAN RELATIONS. HE ALLUDED TO AN ALLEGED NECESSITY FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION NOW IN MOSCOW TO WORK OUT DETAILED PLANS WITH SOVIETS. IN REPLY TO COMMENT THAT FOUR MONTHS WAS RATHER LONG FOR THIS EXERCISE, YEDRASHNIKOV MENTIONED THAT MILITARY SUPPLY CONSIDERATIONS WERE ALSO A FACTOR. IN RECENT VISITS TO ROMANIA AND BULGARIA, SADAT WAS CLEARLY SEEKING SPARE PARTS, AND THESE TRIPS WERE ORCHESTRATED TO MAKE MOSCOW "SORE". NEVERTHELESS, EGYPTIAN DEP PM AND MINWAR ISMAIL MIGHT SOON GO TO MOSCOW. IN LONG-WINDED

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EXPLANATION OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN HAVING FAHMI HEAD A DELEGATION

WHICH MIGHT POSSIBLY INCLUDE ISMAIL, WHO OUTRANKS HIM, YEDRASHNIKOV  
GAVE STRONG IMPRESSION THAT SOVIETS WOULD WELCOME ISMAIL VISIT BUT  
CONSIDERED FAHMY TRIP POINTLESS AT PRESENT.

2. YEDRASHNIKOV, NOTABLY EAGER TO DISCUSS SUBJECT OF PALESTINIAN  
"RIGHTS", SAID THAT ISRAEL MUST ACCEPT A WEST BANK ENTITY. HE  
ENVISIONED THIS PALESTINIAN ENTITY AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR NEGOTIATION  
OF THE NATURE OF THE WEST BANK'S FUTURE ASSOCIATION WITH JORDAN.

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